

**Listing of The Claims**

The following is a complete listing of the claims with a status identifier in parenthesis.

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23. (Previously Presented) A condenser microphone comprising a diaphragm and a back-plate, wherein an inner surface of said diaphragm forms a capacitor in combination with an inner surface of said back-plate, said back-plate and/or said diaphragm is/are provided with a number of openings, and said inner surface of the back-plate and said inner surface of the diaphragm being provided with a hydrophobic layer, and wherein the static distance between said diaphragm and said back-plate is smaller than 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

24. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 23, wherein at least the inner surfaces of the diaphragm and the back-plate are made from a hydrophilic material.

25. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 23, wherein the smallest dimension of each of the openings does not exceed 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

26. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 25, wherein the smallest dimension of each of the openings does not exceed 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

27. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 26, wherein the smallest dimension of each of the openings does not exceed 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .
28. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 27, wherein the smallest dimension of each of the openings does not exceed 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .
29. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 26, wherein the smallest dimension of each of the openings is approximately 3  $\mu\text{m}$ .
30. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 23, wherein the hydrophobic layer base material comprises an alkylsilane.
31. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 23, wherein the hydrophobic layer base material comprises a perhaloalkylsilane.
32. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 23, wherein the static distance between the diaphragm and the back-plate is smaller than 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .
33. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 32, wherein the static distance between the diaphragm and the back-plate is smaller than 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

34. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 33, wherein the static distance between the diaphragm and the back-plate is smaller than 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .
35. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 34, wherein the static distance between the diaphragm and the back-plate is smaller than 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$ .
36. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 33, wherein the static distance between the diaphragm and the back-plate is approximately 0.9  $\mu\text{m}$ .
37. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 23, wherein the hydrophobic layer has a contact angle for water being between  $90^\circ$  and  $130^\circ$ .
38. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 37, wherein the hydrophobic layer has a contact angle for water being between  $100^\circ$  and  $110^\circ$ .
39. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 23, wherein the hydrophobic layer is stable at temperatures between  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  and  $130^\circ\text{C}$ .
40. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 39, wherein the hydrophobic layer is stable at temperatures between  $-30^\circ\text{C}$  and  $110^\circ\text{C}$ .

41. (Original) A condenser microphone according to claim 23, wherein the hydrophobic layer is stable at temperatures up to at least 400° C for at least 5 minutes.

42. (Previously Presented) A condenser microphone comprising a diaphragm and a back-plate, wherein an inner surface of said diaphragm forms a capacitor in combination with an inner surface of said back-plate, said back-plate and/or said diaphragm is/are provided with a number of openings, and said inner surface of the back-plate and/or said inner surface of the diaphragm being provided with a hydrophobic layer having a contact angle for water being larger than 90°, and wherein the static distance between said diaphragm and said back-plate is smaller than 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

43. (Previously Presented) A condenser microphone comprising:

a diaphragm;

a back-plate, wherein an inner surface of said diaphragm forms a capacitor in combination with an inner surface of said back-plate, said back-plate and/or said diaphragm being provided with a number of openings, wherein the static distance between said diaphragm and said back-plate is smaller than 10  $\mu\text{m}$ ; and

a hydrophobic layer, provided on said inner surface of the back-plate and/or on said inner surface of the diaphragm.